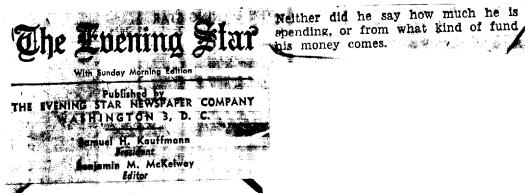
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High Cost of Politics

James R Donovan, campaigning as a Democrat against republican Senator Javits in New York, accuses his opponent of raising a \$500,000 "slush fund." And Senator Javits, although setting that he is not familiar with the details, doesn't deny it. This is reminiscent of the blast against Richard Mixon in 1952, which might have cost him his place on the Republican ticket had it not been for the famous—and very successful—"Checkers" broadcast.

The simple fact is that campaigns in the big States such as New York and California cost a lot of money. Senator Javits says it would cost \$300,000 just to send a letter to every voter in his state. At any rate, \$500,000 is not a lot of money for a New York campaign in this day and age.

A slush fund, according to our dictionary, is a fund used in bribery, corruption or for carrying on corruptive propaganda. Although the implication was there, Mr. Donovan the pressivaccuse his opponent of these sins.

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